

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
August 18, 2006 **7:00 P.M.**

1. Call to Order.

Amy Frederickson called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

2. Roll Call.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amy Fredrickson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Laura Cole
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clyde Polson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gary McCarthy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mike Cowen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Norma Mc Dowell
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yvette Hudson	

3. Adopt Agenda

Laura moved to adopt the agenda. Gary seconded. Motion carried.

4. Discussion and decision regarding City Code concerning the Historic District to clearly define when alterations to building in the district should come to the Commission for review: H. Holmes

Dennis Wells apologized for any misunderstanding regarding the Rec Center building and said it was an oversight.

Mike states this is the first time this has happened because city has always brought everything to building dept. The Historic District was established with an inventory of buildings in that area at that time. He also went over what Historic Commission duties are. He read from city code regarding historic buildings, and said we need to work together with everyone to save the historic value of buildings in Williams. The Commission will deal with City the same as any one else.

Harry asked how to define the difference between alterations and maintenance. Mike and Amy stated maintenance is just painting, alteration is changing the look. Harry asks if the Rec Center is a contributing building. Amy says no but it is within the district.

Dennis said he had read the code and didn't see it spelled out in the ordinance and suggests commission change language to state that any changes come before commission. The ordinance says buildings over 50 years old, so the City didn't feel it applied and went ahead and did the project without consulting commission. The ordinance should specify what alterations are acceptable. The City chose the siding because it is not expensive and is better for water& termite problems. Log siding is twice as expensive for material and installation and maintenance is more.

Mike stated there are several non-conforming buildings in district. Dennis said this building has been highly altered since built, another reason City thought it did not apply for historic status. Dennis stated the City wants to do things the proper way.

Mike recommends addressing/wording ordinance in question. Yvette moved to table this item for the next meeting. Clyde seconded. Motion carried.

5. Discussion and decision of Recreation Center modifications: D. Wells

Gene Owens said he decided on siding due to cost; logging and labor 2-3 times as expensive. The old logs were very bad with termites & water damage as snow packs up there. They are putting concrete board and rubber materials on the bottom edge and will paint. The log siding costs around \$6,800, the siding only \$3100.00 and a City crew is installing.

Amy stated this building was built in 40s. Roxen Cureton told Mike he helped build it in 1969. At that time there was a complex of buildings and this was an addition. Mike states it was studied by certified people and documented the building there but was a non-contributing building. Mike stated it is in the district and needs come before the Commission. Yvette asked if there isn't some artificial sheets of siding that look like logs. She thinks they should at least paint it to look not like a mobile home. Gary states in the middle of town we should not have something that looks like a mobile home. He doesn't think the extra expense is so much more and the City needs to do it, especially when private owners are required to make their buildings comply. Amy stated replacing damaged buildings need to match what was there. Mike stated they will lose their Historic designation if the City varies from the criteria.

Gene requested to be able to do something to prevent water damage. He offered to use logging up to windows. Mike asked if we can restore the big picture windows, or something to better match building.

Dennis stated it has been altered several times so what look would commission like. Gene stated timing is a problem as we need to get this closed in before bad weather. He can return some of the siding to recoup some of the expense. Maybe the windows can be addressed next year when we do the back of the building as they will be a major reconstruction. Mike would like city to do the logs. He feels it is well worth the cost to make that building look like it should. He asked if we can go out to bid to get better price. Dennis suggested to close in with siding and put logging by windows to get weatherproof ASAP. Gene recommends putting siding and logs on the front where the building is exposed. He will also need to replace the door. The maintenance on logs requires a stain every two or three years.

Mike requested the stain color be brought before commission and asked to have the windows trimmed out -just a temporary thing to make them look good for now? Gene said yes. Norma asked if logs can go up to the windows and said smaller windows are better for kids safety also.

Dennis stated Council must OK the expense and must consider if crew can get work done before weather hits. Gene asked about some minor work on skate building like fire escape doors. Amy said to put the request on the agenda and bring picture & plans.

Mike moved that the Rec Center be log sided to match what came off building and colors be brought back to commission for approval. The work can proceed with logs without coming back to Commission. Gary seconded.

6. Adjourn

Yvette moved to adjourn. Norma seconded. Meeting adjourned at 10:58 a.m.